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The room itself tells you whether it's available

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Room display, the

Noun, neuter. Also: digital door sign, door signage.

Origin: From "raum" (room) and "display." Commonly used since meeting rooms have been managed more than they have been used.

1. A small screen next to a door that shows whether the room behind it is available or occupied, what's currently going on there, and until when.

"The room display was set to green, so we went inside."

2. The solution to an age-old office dilemma: knowing if someone is in the office without having to turn the doorknob.

"Ever since the hallway got room displays, no one has been knocking on Room 4 in vain anymore."

3. (technical) A display that retrieves its content from the building's calendar rather than being updated manually. If a room is occupied, the display knows it within seconds.

"If you reschedule an appointment in your calendar, it's automatically rescheduled on the room display as well."

4. (Coworking) Part of a room overview that shows which rooms in the building are currently available, without having to check every door individually.

"The sign at the entrance directed us to the last available room on the third floor."

Idiom: "On green": available for booking immediately.

ScreenWay variant: verlt integrates with the internal calendar (API) if desired, allows for on-the-spot bookings right at the door, and processes everything locally, in Europe.

Counterargument: *the locked door that gives nothing away.*

See also: *Double booking (obsolete); the slip of paper labeled "Booked" (analog form).*